

MEDICAL LIBRARY FINEST IN WORLD

Book Treasures Stored in
the Army Museum.

NUMBER OVER 400,000

Dr. Garrison Describes Wonderful Collection Gathered in the Surgeon General's Office.

"The Library of the Surgeon General's Office" was the interesting subject of a paper read by Dr. Fledding H. Garrison, the assistant librarian, at the last meeting of the District of Columbia Library Association. Dr. Garrison said in part: "The library of the Surgeon General's office, situated in the Army Medical Museum, at the corner of Seventh and B streets southwest, is now one of the three largest medical libraries in the world, containing over 400,000 medical books and pamphlets, and is equaled only by the collections of Paris and St. Petersburg in the number and value of its treasures. It has the most unrivaled collection of medical periodicals in the world and is singularly rich in the works of earlier medical writers as well as in modern medical literature, which is supplied as soon as published, by its agents (booksellers) in foreign cities and the United States.

"The reading room of the library is open to the public from 9 a. m. until 4:30 p. m., and medical books are lent to physicians upon payment of a suitable deposit. In the case of physicians residing in distant cities and educational centers, the volumes are frequently forwarded through universities, medical societies, and public libraries, which, in this case, assume responsibility for the books lent and their safe return.

"The library is constantly used by physicians from all parts of the country and even by physicians from abroad, some of whom have been known to cross the ocean in order to consult certain rare works not available elsewhere.

"The library of the Surgeon General's office, while an important adjunct of the Army Medical Corps, is, in every sense, the national medical library, by reason of its extent and value and its location in the Capital City. The credit of building up this remarkable collection of books is due to Dr. John S. Billings, its former librarian, and now the distinguished director of the New York public library. There was originally a small collection of medical books in the Surgeon General's office in Washington, which collection was increased by Surgeon General Lovell, prior to 1836, and at the beginning of the civil war, amounted to between 300 and 400 volumes. When Dr. Billings assumed administration of the library in 1865, he saw at once the opportunity of building up a great national collection of medical books and the present library of the Surgeon General's office is the result of his energy, aided by appropriations from Congress, the growth of the library under his able directorship was phenomenal.

Began Indexing at Early Day.

"Dr. Billings had early conceived the idea of indexing the files of periodicals in the library, so that in addition to the author catalogue, a bibliography of the literature of medicine by subjects might be printed. This work was actually begun in 1873, and in 1876 a 'Specimen Fasciculus' of a catalogue by authors and subjects was printed. The first volume of the catalogue, a large quarto of 883 pages, followed in 1880, and has been continued to date. The index catalogue consists at present of a first series of sixteen volumes from A to Z, inclusive, 1880-1896, and a second series, of which eleven volumes from A to O have been printed during 1896-1906.

"Soon after the publication of the Specimen Fasciculus, Dr. Robert Fletcher was assigned to duty in the library and became the principal assistant in the work of preparing and printing the index catalogue. Under the supervision of Dr. Billings, himself, the accuracy and typographical excellence of the volumes are largely due to his skillful and careful supervision.

"The index catalogue of the library contains the whole literature of medicine, carefully indexed, by authors, subjects, and arranged alphabetically under subject headings. This renders it of inestimable value to physicians in their scientific researches. For example, under the headings, 'Cholera,' 'Typhoid,' 'Smallpox,' etc., will be found the whole literature of the subjects, so classified and subdivided that any aspect of them, may, so far as literature is concerned, be investigated at once.

Edition Limited to 1,500 Copies.

"The index catalogue is also, by reason of the completeness and size of the library itself, practically an index of other medical libraries at home and abroad, and in this way is of great use and value. The edition of the catalogue is limited to 1,500 copies, which are distributed with care and discrimination among the medical and general libraries of the United States and Europe, and among individual workers in scientific medicine. If we quote the words of Prof. Osler, at the dinner recently given to Dr. Fletcher, as an appreciation of his services to medicine, 'the gratitude of the entire medical profession, if not of the public, is due to the broad-minded and liberal spirit displayed by Congress in maintaining and supporting this important work,' which he further describes as 'a monument to the army medical department, to the energy, enterprise, and care of Dr. Billings, and to the scholarship of his associate, Dr. Fletcher.'

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TWO STRIKING VIEWS OF RUINS IN SAN FRANCISCO.



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STREET SWEEPERS WILL NOT SPREAD DISEASE

Superintendent Twohey Puts Stop to
Stirring Up Dust When Pedestrians
Are Abroad.

Citizens who have been disposed to view the midday sweeping of the city's streets by the Street Cleaning Department as additional danger of spreading consumption, through the stirred up dust flying through the air, need have no further fears.

This source of danger to the public health, although it is not regarded as dangerous by the District Health Officer, has been removed by the action of Superintendent of Street Cleaning John T. Twohey, who has just put into operation his summer schedule of street cleaning, whereby the streets are sprinkled and swept between the hours of 9 o'clock in the evening and 7 o'clock the following morning.

This schedule will permit Superintendent Twohey to have the streets cleaned at a time when few pedestrians are abroad, thus minimizing the danger of contagious disease spreading through the agency of dust.

NEWS OF GEORGETOWN

Mr. and Mrs. William Reckert are spending their honeymoon in town with Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Reckert, of 3120 Dumbarton avenue northwest. The couple were married last Thursday evening at St. Jerome's Church, by Rev. Father Nell. Mrs. Reckert was formerly Miss Louise C. Geiler.

FRANK V. OFFUTT IMPROVING.

Frank V. Offutt, of 1822 Thirty-third street northwest, who recently suffered a severe hemorrhage of the brain, and whose condition for a time was considered serious, is improving.

RECENT MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED.

Francis Endres and Miss Mary Sherman were recently married at St. Ann's Church, Tenleytown, D. C., by the Rev. Father Mallon. Mr. and Mrs. Endres are residing on the Murdock Mill road, Tenleytown, D. C.

PERSONAL MENTION.

The Misses Mary L. Rhodes and Nellie Boyd, of Big Springs, Md., are spending several weeks with Miss Florence Brown, of 3106 M street northwest. Mrs. Charles Alexander, of Baltimore, Md., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Florence Fischer, of 1255 Wisconsin avenue northwest.

CUTHBERT CLUB SHOW.

The Cuthbert Class Club, of Peck Chapel, will give a minstrel show and exhibition of Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works on Tuesday evening, May 8, in the new lecture hall of the church. The committee in charge consists of H. A. Meyers, Miss E. Cuthbert, H. Haller, S. Gawler, B. Howard, E. Richard, E. Chism.

CAPITAL TRACTION CONTRACT.

The Capital Traction Company has let a contract to James L. Parsons & Co., for the erection of a building two stories in height, on the site of the old buildings at the corner of M street and Warehouse alley northwest, the new building will be used as a paint shop of the company's works.

STRIKE ON GREAT LAKES

ORDERED FOR TONIGHT

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Postman of Filipinos Gets Pair of Trousers

Progress of Civilization in the Islands Is Depicted in New Design for Special Delivery Stamps.

Engravers at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing have transformed the native Filipino, depicted upon the "special delivery" postage stamp, from a youth clad only in a short shirt and a helmet, to a veritable Mercury, in dazzling white uniform.

A year ago it was decided that the Philippine Islands should be supplied with a distinctive series of stamps to take the place of the temporary issue which has been in use, and which is nothing more nor less than our current stamps with the word "Philippines" printed diagonally in large type across the face.

Included in the order for the new set was a special delivery stamp which should be of the "time general type" as the special delivery stamp of the United States, except that a native Filipino should be substituted for our lightning delivery boy mounted on a bicycle.

The artist who was charged with producing this postal novelty set about discovering what information he could relative to the Filipino in the role of messenger. All he could find was that the Filipino when impersonating Mercury wore a neegee costume, limited to an abbreviated shirt with a huge sun-drying helmet mounted upon his brow.

The native was sketched in this undress type of apparel, bearing in his hand a packet and with limbs in a position indicative of haste. The general scene was one of desolation and a smoking volcano loomed up in the distance. The expression upon the features of the Filipino indicated pain and general dissatisfaction with his lot.

Mr. Forbes, an agent of the Philippine postal department, objected to the design, and so an order was given to prepare a new model. This has been done and now the Filipino special messenger appears in a full dress of white.

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WOMAN TELLS TALE OF THE JOLO FIGHT

Natives Used Babies as
Shields in Bloody Battle.

ALL SLAIN BY SOLDIERS

Nothing Was Left Alive That Night
in the Moro Crater
Fort.

PHILADELPHIA, April 29.—Letters received by S. S. Wenzell, of 215 South Forty-first street, from his daughter, Mrs. Frederick W. Pitts, of Jolo, P. I., tell the story of the much-discussed battle of Bud Daho on the island of Jolo last month.

Mrs. Pitts is the wife of Lieut. Frederick Pitts, a former Philadelphian, who commanded a company of the Sixth Infantry during the battle, and, although she presents the army side of the slaughter, she does not answer criticisms in the United States of the army, details of which had not reached the islands when the letters were written. She says:

"I have told you about the mountain where the Moros had fortifications which we were ordered to capture. About 600 men started out for night, fired at the head of his company.

"It took until Thursday to finish the work, and it was too horrible to write about.

"The hill where the battle was fought is about seven miles from Jolo and is supposed to be 2,000 feet in height. The top is a plateau by three known trails, four feet wide, with precipices of 300 or 500 feet in height on each side.

"In some places there were vertical walls of rock where the soldiers had to pull themselves up by the roots of trees, and during the ascent they were subjected to showers of rocks and boulders hurled down on them by the natives.

"The Moros lived in the crater of an extinct volcano on top of the hill and had cultivated farms and lived thinking themselves perfectly secure from attack. They committed all sorts of outrages on the natives as well as the soldiers.

"The hill was finely fortified by block houses, and the Moros fought with guns, spears, arrows, and bolos.

"There was a great deal of hand-to-hand fighting. The women fought with the men and the children were with them—even little babies. We killed about 1,000 of them.

Men Used Babies as Shields.

"The battle was full of horrors. Sometimes the men would put the women on top of the parapet in front of them and shoot from behind. At times they held their women in front of them as shields or threw their babies into our troops and jumped in after them. There was nothing to do but to kill everyone. There was nothing left alive that night on the hill. None of them shrieked, but fought to the bitter end and died with their thumbs raised to Allah. If they had a leader of any merit, our troops would have been annihilated.

"We lost seventy-one fine men and had about seventy-five wounded. The soldiers were anxious to capture the fort, but now they will be better satisfied if they never see any more battles such as that."

Divorced Countess Gets Guardianship of Child

BIRMINGHAM, April 29.—The Countess Montagu, the divorced wife of the King of Saxony, has succeeded in obtaining the guardianship of her youngest child, Princess Anna Monica Pia, indefinitely.

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